GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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PENSION TO SENIOR CITIZENS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the scheme for grant of pension to senior citizens who are 65 years of age or more and are living below the poverty line;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith financial implications thereof; and

(c) the time by which the Government would implement the said pension scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) Yes, sir.

(b) The scheme is named as Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) under which old age pension has to be granted to a person who is 65 years or higher and belonging to a household below the poverty line according to the criteria prescribed by the Government of India. The financial implication is Rs. 3772.56 crore per annum.

(c) The Scheme has been launched on 19.11.2007.